

ing *A. adippe* and *A. aglaia*, *Brenthis dia* L., also *Papilio machaon*. I then made my way once more via Viladrau along the mountainous valley to Rabell, which also sports an excellent eating resort but few insects. However, on the way back a halt was made at a huge buddleia on the outskirts of Viladrau. This large bush was smothered in butterflies since it seemed to be quite isolated. *B. circe* was its largest client, together with plenty of *A. paphia* and several *Pyrameis cardui* L., *P. atalanta* L. and *Polygonia c-album*. My last collecting day, July 29th, was again very warm and spent in the same area as the previous one. The marjoram patches everywhere were well patronised, especially by *Strymon esculi* and by a crossing of a small river I was almost certain I caught a flash of an *Apatura ilia* sailing round a small oak near a large grove of poplars. Many *E. alcetas* were in this locality and I saw a single *Pyrgus foulquieri* Oberthur. The big buddleia in Viladrau again provided quite a circus with most of the species seen the day before with the addition of *Gonepteryx rhamni* L., *Inachis io* and *Pararge aegeria* L. I made a last survey of the marjoram on the bridge where I saw the two White Admirals (*C. camilla* and *L. rivularis*) feeding side by side with a couple of the Swallow-tails, *Iphiclides feithsameli* Dup. which is appreciably different from *L. podalirius* L. My final call was where I began, at Taradell where there is another small valley full of poplars and willow, but no *A. ilia* were apparent. I later heard the first brood was virtually over by the time I reached this area. *Leptidea sinapis* was swarming in this spot. In all I recorded 57 species of the local butterflies. Col. Manley in his 1973 paper enumerates 108. On July 30th I motored via Barcelona to the airport and was back in London that afternoon after a most enjoyable tour in this grand part of Spain.

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CATOCALA FRAXINI L. IN NORTHUMBERLAND. — A male Clifden Nonpareil was found at Morpeth early on the morning of 21st September, 1976. Dr. A. G. Long tells me that this is only the second record of this species for Northumberland, and the first one this century. Unfortunately the identity of the finder remains unknown. — D. A. SHEPPARD, Department of Agricultural Biology, Close House Field Station, Heddon-on-the-Wall, Northumberland.

THE HERALD (SCOLIOPTERYX LIBATRIX L.) HIBERNATING EN MASSE. — For some reason over 60 *S. libatrix* decided to hibernate here *en masse* in a windowless cellar room, and ten times more than occurred here during the whole year in the trap. — H. C. J. GODFREY, Pinehurst West, Swiffe Lane, Broad-oak, Heathfield, Sussex.